



## Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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## Economic Affairs Interim Committee DRAFT Agenda

### Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2015

#### Room 137

*Note: Some of the agenda items may take more or less time than indicated. All of the agenda items include time for questions by the committee members.*

#### August 31, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call - Rep. Lynch, presiding officer  
--Review of agenda
- 10:05 a.m. Introduction of Taxes vs. Fee Financing for Licensing Boards, Department of Livestock - Terry Johnson, former revenue analyst for the Legislature
- 10:30 a.m. Department of Livestock Budget and Structural Balance Monitoring  
--Christian Mackay, Executive Director, Department of Livestock  
--George Harris, Central Services/Budget Director  
--John Lehfeldt, Board of Livestock Presiding Officer  
--John Scully, Board of Livestock Vice Presiding Officer
- \*Public Comment on any tax or fee-related item, including Board of Livestock issues
- Noon *Break for Lunch*
- 1:15 p.m. Broadband Panel Discussion - Economic Development Impacts  
--Phil Grate, CenturyLink, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Overview of Broadband  
--Gary Duncan, Public Service Commission Rate Analyst, on PSC Role vis-a-vis FCC  
--Rob Ferris, Vision Net, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Perspective
- \*Public Comment on Broadband Access and Affordability
- 2:30 p.m. Rule Review -- Jameson Walker, staff attorney  
--Includes introduction of the process regarding the committee's request for the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to delay implementation of a dry-needling rule
- 2:45 p.m. Presentations by Representatives of Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and of Acupuncturists -- regarding scope of practice related to dry needling  
--Brian Miller and Christian Appel, Board of Physical Therapy Examiner members  
--Tanja Brekke - acupuncturist member of Board of Medical Examiners
- \*Public Comment on whether rule is within scope of practice or is not
- Committee Action** to retain opposition or to let rule move forward in whole or in part
- 4:00 p.m. Recess and Reconvene at Department of Labor and Industry Park Avenue Building for tour of Business Standards Division (take individual cars). Public welcome.



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### September 1, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Governor's Office of Economic Development - Agency monitoring  
-- Chief Business Officer John Rogers
- 8:45 a.m. Department of Commerce - Agency monitoring  
-- Deputy Director Doug Mitchell
- 10:00 a.m. Overview of North Dakota's Experience with Air Ambulances: HB 1255 and Preferred Provider Lists  
--Rebecca Ternes, Deputy Commissioner, N. Dakota Insurance Dept (by phone)
- 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion on Legal Complications Related to Membership-based Health Care  
--Insurance Company Representatives:  
Paul Pedersen, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana  
Alan Hall, Allegiance  
--Nick Domitrovich, Department of Public Health and Human Services attorney  
--Air Ambulance Company Representatives  
Ellen Stinar, EagleMed  
Dr. Randy Thompson, Billings Clinic Medflight  
--Mike Milburn, Department of Justice  
  
\*Public Comment on Legal Complications Related to Membership-based Health Care
- 11:55 a.m. Public Comment\* on any item not on the agenda
- Noon *Break for Lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. Overview of Alcohol Industry  
--Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue
- 1:15 p.m. Panel Discussion Regarding Obstacles to Advances in the Alcohol Industry with Proposed Legislative Solutions or, if No Obstacles, then How Status Quo is Working  
--John Iverson, representing Montana Tavern Association  
--Jennifer Hensley, representing Montana Distillers Association  
--Matt Leow, representing Montana Brewers Association  
--Kristi Blazer, representing Montana Distributors Association  
--Chad Ouellette, representing Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana  
  
Public Comment\* on Alcohol Industry Concerns
- 2:30 p.m. Work Plan Discussion  
• Review SB 390 and HJR 29 plans  
• Advisory Councils for review  
**Committee Action** to Approve Work Plan as revised
- 3:00 p.m. Directions to staff, adjourn



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